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PATENT

Preliminary Classification:

Proposed Class:

Subclass:

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Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For (title): COMMUNICATION SERVER FOR AN INSTRUMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

1. Type of Application

This application is for an original (nonprovisional).

2. Papers Enclosed

- A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. § 1.153 (Design) Application

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18 Pages of Specification  
 2 Pages of Claims  
 3 Sheets of Drawings--Formal

**B. Other Papers Enclosed**

4 Pages of declaration and power of attorney  
 1 Page of abstract

**3. Declaration or Oath**

Enclosed and executed by the inventors.

**4. Language**

English

**5. Assignment**

An assignment of the invention to STERIS Inc. is attached. A separate FORM PTO 1595 is also attached.

**6. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)**

Regular Application

CLAIMS AS FILED											
Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a) \$770.00											
Number Filed			Number Extra			Rate					
Total											
Claims (37 C.F.R § 1.16(c))		9	–	20	=	0	x	\$	18.00	= \$	0.00
Independent											
Claims (37 C.F.R § 1.16(b))		2	–	3	=	0	x	\$	86.00	= \$	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R § 1.16(d))								\$	290.00	\$	0.00

Filing Fee Calculation

\$770.00

**7. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time**

Enclosed

Filing Fee

\$770.00

Recording assignment (\$40; 37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h)) (See attached "COVER SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT ACCOMPANYING NEW APPLICATION".)

\$40.00

**Total Fees Enclosed**

**\$810.00**

**8. Method of Payment of Fees**

Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$810.00 to credit card as shown on the attached credit card information authorization form PTO-2038.

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**9. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees**

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37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)

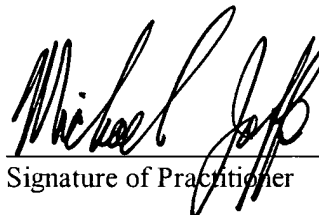
37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b), (c) or (d) (presentation of extra claims)

**10. Instructions as to Overpayment**

Credit Account No. 50-0537.

Date: January 9, 2004

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